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In re Application of :
Gallagher, Smith, Adkins, Hooley, : DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF
and Dymond : INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER
Application No. 09/866,967 : 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT
Filed: 29 May, 2001 :
Att'y Docket No. MP/W-21927/A/AC 536:

Papers filed on 20 May, 2002, in response to the decision mailed on 4 February, 2001, included a two (2)-month extension of time and a Declaration signed by the previously non-signing joint inventor, Hal G. Smith, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703)308-6918.

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